

Title of Session: K-3+ Resources - Summertime Fun!

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CarolineF joined the room.

SusanR: Welcome Caroline

SusanR . o O (wonders when her school year comes to an end)

CarolineF: Thank you

SusanR: what brings you to Tapped In

CarolineF: a class assignment for graduate school

CarolineF: to be honest

SusanR: that's fine

SusanR: and the topic; perhaps we can zero in

CarolineF: But this session sounded interesting

BJB2 waves

CarolineF: I'm new to this so what do I need to do?

BJB2: Welcome to today's K-3 Resources discussion...

BJB2: first tip is to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH

SusanR: just chat; BJB will explain the protocol here

BJB2: you can also select larger text if you like

CarolineF: that's better

BJB2: Sue, have you and Caroline introduced yourselves to each other?

BJB2 pokes Sue to see if she's still awake

CarolineF: we did introduce ourselves

BJB2: oh, good. Thanks, Caroline. Then Sue can begin the discussion as soon as she's ready.

BJB2: I'm on Tapped In helpdesk and am here to handle the TI nuts and bolts questions

CarolineF: do I just stay here?

BJB2: yeppers!

SusanR: I am a dedicated k to 3 teacher; tech integrator and online facilitator

SusanR: actually a tired teacher

BJB2 hugs Sue

JeffC joined the room.

SusanR: residing in Ottawa, Ontario

CarolineF: I teach 2nd grade and I am going to graduate school at night

CarolineF: I teach in a year round school - so I teach for 9 weeks and have three weeks off

SusanR: I taught 2nd grade for longer than I care to tell

CarolineF: I'm finishing my first year of 2nd grade

CarolineF: I taught K for 6

SusanR: perhaps we should follow that model

BJB2 thinks year round school will eventually be the norm for all schools

SusanR: Jeff, would you care to introduce yourself

KL joined the room.

CarolineF: it's fantastic!

SusanR: Welcome, KL

SusanR: We are just finishing a round of intros

SusanR: KL what brings you to Tapped In and where are you located

KL: Thank you! I am new to Tapped In and doing this for a graduate course. I am located in Raleigh NC. I currently teach high school but I am certified in elementary as well.

CarolineF: She's in my graduate class

KL: Hey Caroline...long time no see! Great to see you on here!

CarolineF: Same to you!

SusanR: The topic for this evening is Summertime Fun and End of the Year Reflections

SusanR: Is year round schooling throughout the Carolinas?

SusanR: There is some talk here about it

CarolineF: it's primarily in Wake County (Raleigh area) but some other counties are beginning to adopt it in some schools

CarolineF: at first parents are against, but once they try it, they love it

SusanR: Does it interfere with family holidays

CarolineF: they plan their vacations around their track out times

KL: I think that they are against it at first because of what you typically would expect year round school to be. Wake County does a great job to make it a successful program for students!

SusanR: And does it apply to all grade levels

CarolineF: our calendar is up on our website...www.wcpss.net - it's the multi-track calendar

CarolineF: It works for grades k-8

KL: Not high school and only a few middle schools

CarolineF: with high school it gets a little more complicated

KL: It wouldn't work for high school most likely because of athletics and the start and finish for seniors pursuing post secondary education

SusanR: I gather we would have the same opposition here. We are adopting the Balanced School Day!

SusanR: But parents would rally

CarolineF: what is Balanced School Day?

SusanR: Instead of two recesses and a lunch hour

SusanR: we have two breaks called "Nutrition Breaks" one at 11:00 and the other 1:45

CarolineF: two recesses and an hour for lunch?

SusanR: each being 3/4 of an hour long

SusanR: less disruptions

SusanR: Is that common in your neck of the woods

KL: that is interesting. I teach Foods and Nutrition and I wonder if that has something to do with the push to avoid childhood obesity by trying to encourage people to eat smaller more frequent meals?

CarolineF: nope - 30 minutes of recess unless it's too hot and 30 minutes for lunch

KL: we have an hour long lunch that incorporates tutorials and it is designed to send students off campus who are seniors. I love it because it allows kids to come during the school day to make up assignments or tests and they can eat in your classroom while they work on their assignments.

SusanR: that very well could be, **KL**

CarolineF: I didn't realize that **KL** - that sounds like it works great

KL: I think it would be better to do that for the elementary kids Susan. They need breaks and that may promote healthier eating habits at an earlier age.

CarolineF: I agree 100 %

SusanR: Let's hope so!

SusanR: Is there anything progressive that you do in terms of tech education?
..smartboards; one laptop per child etc

NicoleEM joined the room.

BJB2: good, Nicole. Welcome

SusanR: Welcome Nicole

NicoleEM: HI!

BJB2 . o O (Sue is the leader of this discussion, Nicole)

CarolineF: unfortunately nothing progressive at my school in regards to technology

CarolineF: our technology teacher isn't really with it either...

SusanR: Please introduce yourself; location and what brings you here, Nicole

KL: I have my two courses on blackboard. My students have an account and log on where they can take online practices from home. It gives them extra practice throughout the semester. I also post assignments so if they forget an assignment most can access it from home.

CarolineF: I've learned more in this graduate school and cannot wait to use what I have learned

SusanR: Can you share, please

SusanR . o O (briefly)

NicoleEM: HI am Nicole I am a pre service teacher and I am taking a course in education technology, I am just trying to get a feel for what is out there

CarolineF: The first assignment was to design a web page

CarolineF: which really wasn't hard to do, just time consuming

KL: One really neat thing that I just learned which is really useful is how to embed youtube videos into powerpoint. For example, I can take a clip on knife skills for my advanced culinary class and show them something from for example Food Network.

CarolineF: now my group is working on creating a digital story book

SusanR: What are you using to create the digital Storybook

JeffC: Embedding a Youtube video in Powerpoint will cause you problems though
KL. Odds are strong that your district filters Youtube. Unless you download the video and upload it to another server (which will also cause you problems, legal and otherwise), you might not be able to do that.

CarolineF: Microsoft photostory

SusanR: Good choice and safe

KL: We learned how to do it without having to have access to youtube at the school. Our school blocks it so this is actually rewriting the code in the program.

SusanR: hmm

KL: Our professor is up on the legal aspect of things so it isn't a problem

SusanR: Have you used Wordle and Vocaroo? Summertime fun tools!!

CarolineF: no, what are those?

KL: No please tell more:)

SusanR: Perhaps we can share a few tools

SusanR: Wordle .. a favorite of mine ..used it today throughout the day

CarolineF: what is Wordle?

SusanR: Please read this <http://thegalleyboys.com/2009/01/what-is-wordle/>

SusanR: It will explain ..you may have to hold down the control key to allow popup blockers

SusanR: Let me dig up a post I used to explain how I used it today

CarolineF: oh, I've seen this...

SusanR: <http://techie-bytes.blogspot.com/2008/11/what-is-wordle.html>

CarolineF: some of the upper grades have used this...

KL: did you find it useful at all grades or just upper?

SusanR: Yes, it has been around for awhile

SusanR: we used for self esteem today..

CarolineF: I'm already thinking of some things I can do with wordle with my 2nd graders

KL: what about vocaroo?

KL: what is that?

SusanR: I used it for brainstorming

KL: that would be a great tool to build ideas before tackling a big paper for students then right?

SusanR nods

SusanR: I used it to thank the homeroom teacher for outstanding planning and polite, cooperative and enthusiastic students

CarolineF: how do you get to vocaroo?

KL: Thank you Susan for great ideas this evening. I can't stay any longer, but appreciate learning about two tools that I can incorporate in my classroom. Hope I can join in again on one of your discussions in the future. Have a nice evening everyone!:)

SusanR: Vocaroo is another creative tool which has a myriad of uses

SusanR: Thanks KL

SusanR: Come again

SusanR: All about Vocaroo

KL left the room (signed off).

SusanR: Don't Click on Palm Breeze cafe until later or may lose you for the rest of the evening

SusanR: But check out this blogpost

SusanR: <http://macmomma.blogspot.com/2009/01/do-you-vocaroo.html>

CarolineF: so, what exactly is vocaroo?

SusanR: Vocaroo is a free online voice recording service.

SusanR: Have your students reflect on a science project; tell what they have learned

SusanR: embed their voices in your blog etc

SusanR: use it yourself ..Send it to Friends, Post it Online

CarolineF: oh that sounds cool

SusanR: School announcements

CarolineF: how is it different from voice thread?

SusanR: . o O (voicethread combines pics with audio)

SusanR: Vocaroo is audio only

CarolineF: ok...

CarolineF: and voice thread includes images

SusanR: but can be used together with video and slides and pics

SusanR: but Voicethread can be used together with video and slides and pics

CarolineF: gotcha

CarolineF: i'm new to all of this technology so i'm taking baby steps and trying to figure out what fun things I can do next year with my students

SusanR: The ed version is not free

SusanR: <http://ed.voicethread.com/pricing/k12/>

CarolineF: ok...

SusanR: this one is free so I suggest you explore and play

SusanR: <http://voicethread.com/#home>

SusanR: I created this one for fun and adventure

SusanR: <http://voicethread.com/#u17669.b38380.i201409>

CarolineF: thanks!

BJB2: . o O (you have to sign in)

SusanR: do sign in and have fun

CarolineF: I'll check it out

BJB2: Caroline, the next K to 3+ Resources discussion will be on June 23

SusanR : and the last one that has been getting a lot of buzz is drop.io

BJB2: <http://drop.io/>

SusanR : a better example and a link to a blogpost puts it into perspective

SusanR : <http://jmalpass.blogspot.com/2009/03/organize-lesson-with-dropio.html>

CarolineF: ok

SusanR : Is there a site you can't live without?

BJB2 . o O (Tapped In!)

BJB2 winks at Sue

SusanR : oh yes, of course it's Tapped In.org

CarolineF: well thanks for the info about vocaroo and wordle - I've got to go...

SusanR : It has sustained me through the years

CarolineF: I'll be stopping back in some more

CarolineF: I've learned a lot tonight!

BJB2: Thanks, Sue, for providing this discussion

SusanR : our pleasure, Caroline and do bring your colleagues

CarolineF: Good Night!

BJB2 waves goodnight.

SusanR : any last minute comments or questions or ideas for future sessions

BJB2: summer games?

SusanR : ok that's it for July and June